

Guelph, ON

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I wish to express to City Council my wholehearted support for the redesigned Guelph Public Library. The design is forward thinking, meticulously thought out, and provides a functional and beautiful space worthy of the City of Guelph in the 21st century.

A new library has been delayed far too long, and this plan will meet the needs of our citizens on many fronts, now and into the foreseeable future. I can see no advantage to building a smaller library that barely meets current needs without taking future requirements into account. As envisioned, the redesigned library plan presents a tremendous opportunity for a city that is experiencing, and with visionary leadership should continue to experience, growth on all fronts. Guelph has many assets to attract not only families, but also businesses and corporations looking for a dynamic community capable of meeting citizen needs. The redesigned library could be the heart of a beautiful, welcoming city that prides itself on community and education.

While I recognize that we live in uncertain times, and that the expenditure is a large one, I also believe that the future belongs to those with vision. I urge City Council to endorse this outstanding plan for a contemporary facility that could be the jewel in the Royal City's crown.

Respectfully submitted,

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